



FIRE MOBILIZATION NEWS FROM THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

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Update: Fischer Fire 85% Contained in Chelan County

LEAVENWORTH – Firefighters battling the 16,400-acre Fischer Fire, which is burning 4 miles southeast of Leavenworth now have it approximately 85% contained. The fire continued to burn actively yesterday in the northeast corner, on the high ridges south of Eagle Creek burning grass, shrubs and timber in the steep, rocky terrain. The fire which is human caused started on August 8th, and remains under investigation.

Temperatures are expected to be in the 70's today; however the cooler temperatures at night will not reduce the fire danger until widespread rains slow the fire season. As a result of the break in the weather and the successful firefighting efforts, some resources will be demobilized today.

Nine task forces from Clark, Thurston, Mason, Kitsap, Pierce, Snohomish and Skagit counties are on the scene with 45 engines/tenders and 125 firefighters assigned with structure protection. This brings the total number of firefighters to 1,810, 118 engines, 37 water tenders, 21 dozers, and 11 helicopters

LEVEL 3: Upper Derby Canyon from USFS road 7400/7401 north, Hay Canyon from irrigation canal north, Eagle Creek above Van Creek, Jude Canyon above the new roadblock just beyond the last residence, Nahahum Canyon, Ollala Canyon north of the new roadblock near the end of the county road, Spring Canyon, Williams Canyon Road above the last residence north.

LEVEL 2: Alpine View Estates, Anderson Canyon, Bjork Canyon, Clark Canyon, lower Derby Canyon to intersection of USFS 7400/7401 road, Eagle Creek from Chumstick to Van Creek, lower Williams Canyon Road to above the last residence, Hay Canyon from Hwy 2 up to the irrigation canal, Jude Canyon from north Dryden Road to the new roadblock just above the last residence, East Nahanum Road, Eels Road, Estes Canyon, Hughes Road, Ollala Canyon from North Dryden Road to the new roadblock just before the end of the county road, Posey Canyon – including Fox Canyon, Red Apple Road, Stevens Canyon, Warm Springs Canyon, Warner Canyon, all driveways off Hwy 2 to the northeast down to the Monitor Rock cut, and Monitor north side of Easy Street to Warm Springs/American Fruit Road intersection then north up Warm Springs (both sides).

LEVEL 1: Easy Street from School Street, Merry Canyon – between Chumstick and Dry Creek, Moon Canyon, Railroad Canyon, Old Sunset Highway, American Fruit Road at Easy Street to Knolls road where it intersects School Street and then north on School Street to the last residence, both sides (all north of Knolls/School Street intersection), Burch Mountain Road at Birchvale Road, all residences on the west side of Burch Mountain Road, north and west which includes Birchvale Road, Tarn Place, Heather Lane, Rolling Hills, Stony Brook, Morningwind, Mahogany, Teakwood, Kings Court, and Castle Heights Drive for the Canyon View Fire..

FEMA approved a request for a Fire Management Assistance Act Grant on August 11th, at 12:01 a.m. FEMA will reimburse back to the State 75% of the costs associated with the fire. Federal fire management assistance is made available by FEMA to manage, mitigate, and control fires that threaten to cause a major disaster. The assistance covers eligible state firefighting costs, including expenses for field camps, equipment use, repair and replacement; tools, materials, and supplies; and mobilization and demobilization activities.

Washington State Patrol Chief Lowell Porter approved the Washington State Fire Mobilization Act for the fire on August 11th. The WSP's Fire Protection Bureau subsequently dispatched three interface task forces to provide structure protection at the Fischer Fire.